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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
to our readers
from the Editor and Staff and all those connected with the Scandinavian Centre News.

Unique Monopoly

Norsk Medisinaldepot A/S, an independent state corporation established by the Norwegian Parliament in 1957, recently observed its fifth anniversary. With monopoly on import and export of drugs, as well as on sale of imported drugs to apothecaries, public laboratories and scientific establishments, it is a unique institution in the West.

Board chairman Dr. Anton Jervell, professor of medicine at the University of Oslo, reported to the meeting that turnover has increased about 11 per cent each year, rising from Kr. 59.5 million in the first operating year to Kr. 92 million now.

Dr. Jervel declared that Norsk Medisinaldepot A/S has helped to improve the quality of medicines and to lower retail drug prices. The Depot operates its own analysis and control laboratory.

The Director General is appointed by the government. So are four of the seven board members, with the rest named by parliament. The depot has its main office in Oslo, and branches in Trondheim and Harstad. Another will soon open in Bergen.

Collection Reflects Christmas Traditions

One man's hobby of collecting Christmas cards for 60 years of his life has led to an increasing amount of knowledge on the origin of modern American Christmas traditions. This man died in the year 1912 at the age of 85. He was an Englishman, Jonathan King. A major part of the King collection is now part of the Hallmark Historical Collection. From this material historians have pieced together a remarkable record of what they call "the golden age of Christmas"—the Victorian years that saw Christmas revered and celebrated in a fashin unknown to any other generation. King, whose father was an early greeting card publisher in Britain, began his collection in the 1850's, only a few years after the first Christmas card was published. This historic greeting was designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, a widely known artist of the period for Sir Henry Cole, director of the Victoria and Albert museum. The Cole-Horsley card bears the now universal greeting, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You". It depicts a joyous family seated at Christmas dinner, and the Christmas charities of feeding the hungry and clothing the needy—scenes that were to be repeated again and again on Christmas cards in subsequent years. The Hallmark collection, housed at the company's headquarters in Kansas City, Mo., contains some 40,000 examples of the cards published between 1840 and 1910 both in England and the United States. In this country the first known Christmas card dates from 1850. The Christmas greetings of the Victorian era rival in beauty the best cards of our own age of advanced technical skill. Many of the most famous artists on both sides of the Atlantic were employed to design them. Ingenious mechanical devices were originated to animate cards much as they are today.

The symobls of Christmas Santa-Claus, holly, mistletoe, wise men, carolers, first became popular on cards of that age. It was Louis Prang of Boston an art loving lithographer, who published the best early Christmas greetings in this country, between 1870 and 1900. The merriment surrounding Christmas in the last half of the 19th century, with all its attendant Christmas costumes resulted from the passing of the strong spirit of Puritanism that had pervaded both England and the United States. The Christmas card custom, once so firmly entrenched, became out of fashion for a decade after the turn of the century with the influx of German postcards. It was not until 1910 that American manufacturers such as Hallmark began to achieve success. The customs Jonathan King noted so carefully a hundred years ago are as popular as ever today.

Ten Members Initiated

The meeting of Nov. 9, held in honor of Senior Members of Solglyt Lodge, at the Masonic Temple, was well attended. It was also the occasion of initation of 10 new members. President K. Adam welcomed into the lodge the following: Mrs. Ellen M. Restad, Mrs. Jean Omelchuk, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard and Marcelle Dakin, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin and Clara Bradford, Mr. Roger Logan, Mr. Robert Davis, Miss Louise Flewelling and Mr. Olav Mortesen. The drill team aided in the initation ceremony with an excellent performance. Lunch was provided by the Ladies' Auxiliary with Mrs. M. Rikstaad as hostess. Games of whist were enjoyed by those who stayed for the social.

Did You Know?

In October, 1875, the first Icelandic Settlement in Canada was established at Gimli, Man. About 250 settlers were in the first group. The following year upwards of 1,200 settlers established themselves along the west shore of Lake Winnipeg. This was the foundation of the largest Icelandic settlement outside of Iceland.

Children Practice For Concert

Vasa Children's Club has ben very busy practicing for the Xmas Concert, at which they perform every year. The concert will be held in the I.O.O.F. Temple on December 16th at 6 p.m. Peggy Johnson, Randy Watson and Gordon Johnson took part in the United Nations Day Children's Pageant on October 27th, held is the Alberta College Auditorium. Their amusing performance of the "OX DANCE" was enjoyed by everyone. The next Children's meeting will be held on December 9th, at 3 p.m., in the I.O.O.F. Temple

Remember to read all the advertisements in this paper, and if you patronize an advertiser, DON'T FORGET to mention that you saw the ad in the Scandinavian Centre News.

Film Shown

A most enjoyable social evening was held at the Masonic Temple on Nov. 2. A film of Iceland was shown and whist was played. The evening was completed with a delicious lunch. Mrs. F. Fredrickson and Mrs. McNaughton presided at the coffee and tea table. Guests from "far away" were Mr. and Mrs. A. Edgar, Lyleton, Man. The next "get together" will be the Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Club Mocombo. Santa Claus will be in attendance. Entertainment and favors. All kiddies are asked to attend—bring your parents too.

650 Attend Smorgasbord And Dance

The 650 persons who attended the annual Smorgasbord were treated to many delicious dishes consisting of meat balls, pickled herring, pigs feet, varieties of cold meats, brown beans, rye bread, salads and many other delicacies. The Vasa Ladies spent many hours of hard work preparing for this day.

A concert and dance followed the dinner, and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Scandinavians Gather At Lutefisk

Another successful traditional "Lutefisk Dinner" was held at the Masonic Temple on Nov. 7 by Solglyt Lodge, Sons of Norway, as many Scandinavians and others gathered with friends for a feast. Some Norwegians came a distance of 300 miles, planning their trip to the city to coincide with Lutefisk time, so they could enjoy the once a year Norwegian tradition f Lutefisk and Lefse.

The success of this is due to Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, who supervised the cooking and preparation as she has done for a number of year. Mrs. Lydia Naverseth supervised the dining room and Mrs. E. Searl was hostess. A special thank you goes to the ladies who served in the dining room and to those who cooked, all who gave so much of their time and effort towards making this the big event of the year. Thanks to the men folk who gave of their time in the kitchen and the coffee servers, and thanks to the ladies who donated so much in the way of delicious pastries.

Following the supper guests relaxed in the auditorium for an hour of fine entertainment brought to them by the social director H. Kristensen. The youngsters in the Olson shool of music delighted the audience with their instrumental numbers. Carston Carlson and his group of eight girls entertained with gymnastics. Carston himself performed a couple of solo acts of great skill. Accordian solos were provided by Debbie Waldal, Mr. G. Waldal and Olaf Sveen. Mrs. Ragna Arntzen and Mr. Leonard Anderson lead the audience in sing song. Ruby Taylor was pianist; president K. Amdam, master of ceremonies.

The evening concluded with dancing to two orchestras, the Peppermints for the 'teens and Egelstard's for the adults. The drill team from Solglyt Lodge under the direction of Mrs. Joe Lineham performed during intermission.

9th Annual Scandinavian Night Saturday, January 19th, 1963

No effort is being spared to make this year's event the "best yet".

Don Shaw, acting social director, and the ladies' group are arranging coffee and lunch which will be served from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Knut Svidal and the Cultural Committee are arranging "Scandapades 1963" which will commence at 8:00 p.m. and continuing until 10:00 p.m.

Dancing to two fine orchestras will start at 9:00 p.m. downstairs.

Sig Johnson is in charge of ticket sales. This year each Scandinavian Club will have the opportunity of winning prizes. Each club will have a captain, and, based on the number of tickets sold, prizes will be awarded. The sale of over 50 tickets qualifies a club for a prize. The more tickets sold, the more valuable the prize will be. For example—sets of dishes, coffee makers, record players, tape recorders, serving pieces, to mention just a few. By helping the Scandinavian Centre ticket sales, you help your own club as well. Tickets will soon be available, and all tickets sold up to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17, count toward prizes.

The price of tickets for the entire evening this year is $1.50 per person. This also includes a lucky chance on a beautiful lawn umbrella and table.

When your Club Captain asks you to help, do say yes! Do your share! Help the Scandinavian Centre; help your own Club!

Together let's make the 9th Annual Scandinavian Night the biggest yet.

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A Very Merry Christmas

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Family Party Arranged

Dania's annual Christmas Party for the whole family will be held in the Masonic Temple, 10318 - 100 Ave., on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, starting at 6:00 p.m.

There will be a carol singing around the tree gifts and refreshments for the children, and everything free. At 9:30 p.m. the floor will be cleared and dancing to a good orchestra until midnight will finish the evening. For this part of the evening a charge will be made to cover expenses for the hall and the music.

In order to btain suitable able gifts for the children, it is necessary to have a list of all who wish to attend. We have mailed registration forms to all Danish families whom we know have children under 14 years of age. We will appreciate having these forms returned by Dec. 15. Naturally we don't know everyone, so if we missed someone please rest assured that you are equally welcome . . . just write a note to Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85th Ave., giving the names and ages of your children, and—please remember—your address and phone number.

We believe that last year's party was satisfactory to everyone, we hope to make it a successful annual undertaking. However, a great deal hinges on you, the public; your co-operation is urgently required. First—please register your children not later than Dec. 15 and please DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S CHILDREN.

Second—If you register, please do come if at all possible.

A Very Happy and Merry Christmas wishes to all our friends and readers, and may all good things come your way in the New Year.

Keep smiling. It makes everyone wonder what you've been up to.

FINNISH SOCIETY NOTES

Thanks to Mrs. V. Leino who was hostess of last month's sewing circle.

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Parhaimmat kiitokseni Edmontonin Suomalaiselle Kerholle kukka lahetyksesta, jolla muistitte minua sairauteni aikana.

Sivia Vesalainen.

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Mr. P. Vesaniemi and Mr. V. Nuojuva visited Edmonton recently.

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The Children's Christmas Party will be held December 16 at Cromdale Community hall at 2:00 p.m. Santa Claus will make his appearance during the afternoon with treats for everyone.

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Mrs. V. Leino recently visited her sister in Winnipeg.

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A Christmas dance was held Dec. 1st. Lighted candles decorated the coffee table and Christmas carols were sung around the Christmas tree. The second part from Seitseman Veljesta, "Jouluilta Impivaarassa" was presented along with a short program. Dancing followed.

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A New Year's Eve Masquerade will be held at Cromdale Community hall, Dec. 31, at 8:00 p.m. There will be a short program and coffee will be served. Everyone is requested to dress in costumes as there will be an extra charge for those with no costumes. Prizes for the two best costumes will be given. Tickets are $1 per person. Come as you please, but please come.

Christmas And Advent Events

Augustana Lutheran Church, located across from the Federal Building, announces the following Advent and Christmas events. A festival of Light Service and the crowning of Santa Lucia will be held on Sunday evening, Dec. 9, at 7:00 p.m. A social hour will follow.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 3, part of the morning service will be given to the choir and the singing of Christmas music. That same evening at 7:00 p.m. the annual Sunday school Christmas program will be given.

The actual coming of our Lord into the world will be celebrated at two special services. The first will be on Christmas Eve beginning with special music at 10:30 p.m. The service beginning at 11:00 p.m. The second special occasion will be the traditional early morning Julotta service at 7:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. The liturgy and hymns will be in Swedish with the sermon in English. A special choir will sing.

Another added feature of Advent at Augustana will be three noonday services held on Wednesdays December 5, 12 and 19 at 12:05 p.m. Lunch will follow at 12:25. People in downtown Edmonton during the day are welcome to attend.

Vasa Social News

The Vasa Dance Team performed, in their usual fine manner, in the United Nations Program held in the Jubilee Auditorium on October 23rd. They danced the "Vastgatapolka" accompanied by accordianists Wayne Modin and Arman Wold.

Ernie Pearson is now residing in Edmonton after serving with the RCAF in Clinton, Ont.

For unusual jobs a feather in the hat goes to Alma Samuelson, who is baby sitting a cat.

District Master Margaret Eliasson was recently honoured at a Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony by Lethbridge Lodge No. 579, on November 9th. As District Master she also attended the Lodge meeting of Nordstjarnan Lodge No. 575, Falun, Alta., on November 3rd, and Branting Lodge No. 417, Calgary, Alta. whose meeting was held on November 9th.

Get well wishes to Evelyn Modin, Mrs. Oscar Modin, Bill McMaster and Helen Riley, who have been sick in hospital.

Dr. Alvin Backstrom and family of Trail, B.C., have been in Edmonton visiting his mother, Mrs. Milda Backstrom.

Dave and Emilyne Paulson and family have been in Edmonton visiting relatives and friends and also spending an enjoyable evening at the smorgasbord.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jeffrey of Regina, Sask. have been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Eric Pierre.

Bruce Johnson, who has been working at Mannville, Alta. has been in Edmonton visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Johnson, and friends.

The fellow named Bud with the big black eye, can't blame his wife because she can't reach that high.

Our President, Sig Johnson, wishes to extend to members and friends "GOD JULE OCH GOTT NYTT AR."

Defence Budget Higher

The Swedish defense must cost a total of at least 3,600 million kronor (about $700 million) during the next fiscal year and then an additional 3.5 per cent annually, if it is to meet the requirements already drawn up, according to the military authorities. The initial annual total is the same as the highest of three figures submitted by a parliamentary defense committee, which, however, aims at a yearly increase of only 2.5 per cent. The defense planning now being studied covers the next seven years. When the budget for the current fiscal year was presented, defense expenditure was estimated at about 3,400 million kronor.

The attitude taken by the military authorities is supported by many newspapers. Since 1958 when the present defense plan was adopted, writes the Liberal Dagen Nyheter, nothing has happened that would justify a reduction of our defense efforts. Sweden's economic resources are expected to increase more rapidly than anticipated four years ago, and there is every reason to maintain that we should have a defense of at least the same strength. With an annual increase of 3.5 per cent, the defense budget would reach about 4,500 million kronor at the end of the seven-year period. Possible price increases are not included in this figure. Papers representing the governing Social Democratic party observe that the national defense, if it is to remain effective, obviously must become more expensive.

This Is It!

This is It—coming events for Solglyt Lodge members, on Dec. 7 at the Masonic Temple. Mrs. Helen Sather and Mrs. Beulah Hinton are hostess.

Juletraes Fest

There will be a Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Jubilee Auditorium from 200 to 500 in the afternoon. Everyone welcome.

Nytaars Fest

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✣ EDITORIAL ✣

From the Secretary's Desk

By S. A. Sorenson

Before the next issue of this paper, Christmas will have come and gone. May we once again be reminded of the many blessings that have come our way. May we be truly appreciative of these blessings. Let us resolve to be more like Christ, and follow his example, not only throughout the festive season, but throughout all the days of our lives. In this way we will live the most happy lives, and be of the greatest service to our fellow man. With these thoughts in mind, I wish you all A JOYOUS AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON.

THE CHRISTMAS FLIGHT

And speaking of the Christmas season, there will be 86 people who will celebrate Christmas in a special way . . . a truly Scandinavian way . . . with their relatives and friends in Scandinavia. They will leave by B.O.A.C. from the International Airport on December 12. We wish them "GOD TUR" and A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.

In charge of the Flight for the Scandinavian Centre will be Mr. H. A. (Gus) Hansen, 12921 - 109 Avenue, Phone GL 5-3070.

REFUNDS MAILED TO CHARTER FLIGHT PASSENGERS

On November 1st the 178 passengers on the 1962 summer flights were mailed their refunds of $4.04 on their fares. Several passengers have written and thanked the Centre for this consideration. The following letter is typical:

> "Your kind consideration of the refunds is typically Scandinavian. We were very happy to be on the so well arranged Flight and the sincere good will we received will always be remembered. I am returning cheque which I would like you to give to your paper, the Scandinavian Centre News, which we enjoy."

TWENTY-EIGHT NEW SHAREHOLDERS

At a meeting of the directors on November 13, twenty-eight new shareholders joined the fast-growing Scandinavian Centre Association.

ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT, JANUARY 19, 1963

The ninth annual Scandinavian Night will be held at the Jubilee Auditorium on January 19, 1963. Mr. Don Shaw has offered to replace Mr. H. A. (Gus) Hansen as Social Director while the latter is on holiday in Denmark. The committee in charge is as follows: Knut L. Svidal, Programme Convener; S. J. Johnson, Ticket Sales Chairman; and Don Shaw, Acting Social Director.

Scandapades 1963, now under production, will provide TOP-FLIGHT entertainment in the luxurious comfort of the Jubilee Auditorium. Be sure to reserve your tickets early. The Scandinavian Cultural Committee which is staging the show, consists of: K. L. Svidal, Chairman; Mrs. Lily Taylor, Music Director; Mrs. F. Smith, Icelandic Representative; Mrs. M. McDonald, Norwegian Representative; Mr. R. Sund, Swedish Representative; Mrs. Ann Sahuri, Finnish Representative; Mrs. S. Vesaniemi, Finnish Representative; Mr. Jens Godbersen, Acting Danish Representative; and Mr. Carl Elgstrand, Musical Representative.

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"Stars In Snow" To Be Shown

John Jay, America's "Ambassador of Skiing," will arrive in Edmonton the evening of December 5th to personally narrate his new color film on skiing around the world. The film, "Stars in the Snow" features the 1962 World Ski Championships at Chamonix, France and Zakopane, Poland. Over 100 ski racers from thirty nations are shown in a battle against clocks and clouds during the alpine events on the slopes of Mont Blanc.

Jumping and world cross-country championships are also shown in great detail. Special slow - motion cameras make the ski jumpers appear to float by like drifting clouds.

Norwegian, Swedish, and Finnish skiers are shown in these events. The film also shows deep snow skiing in the Swiss Alps, the Yugoslavian national ski championships, and former world ski champion from Norway, Stein Eriksen. Eriksen is featured on a special ski trip made to the glaciers of New Zealand this past summer.

John Jay is famed as the official U.S. Winter Olympic Games photographer and his films have won international awards for excellence. He will personally narrate the picture with his usual witty commentary. Edmonton is one of his 70 lectures this season.

The performance will be at the Jubilee Auditorium, Wednesday, December 5, at 8:30.

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Automatic Pilots Guide Trains

A box the size of a compact table-model radio will replace the motormen on Stockholm's subway trains within the next few years. The automatic pilots will result in significant savings in labor and electricity for the capital's rapid-transit system, plus better rush-hour service.

The device, which was developed by ASEA, the Swedish Electric Company, can be used for peak rush-hour as well as for slower services, and for any number of stops. It is said to be at least as advanced as similar systems now being tested in the United States, the Soviet Union, France and Western Germany.

The automatic pilots, according to present estimates, will reduce the Stockholm transit system's annual deficit by nearly four million kronor (nearly $800,000), or about 12 per cent. The crew on each train will be cut from two to one, and subway personnel will thus be reduced by 160. The reduction will be achieved through normal retirements and a less intensive recruitment program.

The pilot takes over when the crewman closing the doors gives the all-clear signal. Under way, the brain responds to the subway's ordinary signal system, increasing or decreasing speed according to the distance from the train in front, and braking at a predetermined point near each station. In some instances the relay system will work independently of the information fed the brain. It will, for example, slow down the train on curves.

The automatic pilot can be programmed for both high and low traffic schedules. It will enable the Stockholm transit system to raise peak-period traffic from 30 to 36 trains an hour.

Bigger Turkeys Aim Of Experts

Poultry expert Dr. G. A. Clayton suggests that the turkey is still only at the beginning of its development as a source of meat for human consumption. And he sets out a course of breeding which may provide small units with the sort of guidance they need.

Clayton advocates a form of private random sample testing. Applied to the male line there would be selection of any particular strain emerging as superior for growth and it would become the male line for the first or second cross. Further decision should then be delayed until the fecundity results from the strains and their crosses become available. Outcome of this test largely determines the overall policy to be pursued.

He says it will generally be found necessary to go at least one stage further than the simple two-way cross. Show points are seconded to weight selection in the next program which should produce another mean weight increase of anything up to one pound per generation on the male line.

LETHBRIDGE MORTGAGE BURNED

November 11, besides being Remembrance Day and the birthday of the King of Sweden, was a day for celebration for Lethbridge Vasa Lodge No. 579. Not only was it the 4th Anniversary of the opening of their hall; in addition, due to marvelous planning and hard work by their membership, they were able to hold the Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony.

Their regular meeting was held in the afternoon, with the initiation of four new members and nomination of officers. This was a most interesting meeting of both old and young, with 80 members present. A friendly touch was added to the festivity, with a delicious supper and gaily decorated tables in blue and yellow and a lovely anniversary cake and tapers centring the head table.

Chairman R. Stonehocker gave a brief summary of the past four years of achievement and how the hall was originally begun, paying special tribute to the Sisters of the Lodge who had worked so diligently.

Telegrams and best wishes were received from Buford, Branting and Skandia lodges of the Alberta District. Greetings and best wishes for continued success were extended from Alberta District No. 18, as District Master Mrs. M. Eliasson was given the honor of cutting the anniversary cake with a knife decorated with blue and yellow ribbons. Members taking part in the burning of the mortgage ceremony were R. Stonehocker and Nellie and Fred Carlson.

The evening ended with a social which everyone enjoyed.

Britain's Princess Margaret displays a "fly away" hairdo at a film premiere in London.

Favorite Recipe

½ cup sugar
2 eggs well beaten
2 tbsp. butter or ⅓ cup cream
1½ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. vanilla
¼ tsp. salt
1½ cups flour
2 cups milk or more

Mixture should be quite thin. Spread on a well oiled or greased fry pan. If cooked in an electric fry pan set at 400 degrees. Put on plate and while warm sprinkle with sugar and roll. Serve warm with coffee.

Aluminum Forecast

The ministry of industry, in a report to parliament, has outlined concrete alternatives for locating future aluminum plants. The report spells out how the Norwegian aluminum industry could achieve the expansion target suggested in the government's long-term program for 1962-65.

With a usable water power reserve corresponding to an annual production of some 80-90 billion kwh's. the report observes, industry could increase its power consumption at the rate of about 12 billion kwh's a year until 1970. On the basis of planned projects, the aluminum industry would be able to boost its production capacity to about 600,000 tons by 1970, as against 197,000 tons in 1960. Such a plant expansion would require total investments of some Kr 2.6 billion, in addition to about Kr. 1.4 billion for new power plants.

Realization of existing projects for expansion of Norway's power-consuming industry is predicated on a substantial supply of foreign capital. A main aim should be to strive for at least 50 per cent Norwegian-owned capital in the new companies.

Dania Plans Something Special

Danish Society "DANIA" will try something different this year for their December dance. It will be called a "Turkey Dance", which means that tickets will be sold on an Amk. Lottery for which the prizes will be turkeys, geese, or whatever might come in handy for the Christmas season.

This special night will be held in the South Side Legion on Friday, Dec. 7. Everyone is welcome, and it is hoped that many will turn out for this event.

Skandia Nominates Officers

The November 3rd Vasa Meeting was held in the I.O.O.F. Temple. Nomination of officers was held.

Eric Pierre, Chairman of the Smorgasbord Committee, reported that 650 persons attended the dinner on October 27th.

eLthbridge Lodge No. 579 sent a telegram, inviting District Master Margaret Eliasson to attend their Burning of the Mortgage Ceremony on Nov. 11th.

Coffee and lunch were served to a very good turn out of members. Dancing followed to everyones enjoyment. The next meeting will be held December 1st at 7 p.m. in the I.O.O.F. Temple

Surstromming Sampled

Buford Lodge No. 55 held its October meeting on the 25th, after partaking of a gay and varied Scandinavian Smorgasbord. All 32 members present enjoyed sampling the traditional old-country dishes. Some members were especially brave, and while holding their noses tried to slip surstromming down their throats, hoping a delicious taste would offset the foul smell. There was no way to subdue this strong odor, and it soon penetrated the air throughout the entire room. We all had many laughs, and everyone agreed that it was a wonderful evening.

During the meeting nominations for new officers were accepted. A new member, Ray Dixon, was reinstated and welcomed back into the lodge.

'Hat Wildlife Officer Retires

Henry Bertelsen, fish and wildlife officer at Medicine Hat since 1949, retired on September 17th of this year. Ill health has forced an early retirement on Mr. Bertelsen, who is only 56 years of age. He began his career with the government fisheries in 1942 when he was appointed inspector at Slave Lake, and was transferred to the Lake Wabamun district in 1946. It was at Wabamun in 1948 that Mr. Bertelsen suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, which was followed by a series of operations and an end to heavy labor of commercial fisheries duty. After hospital discharge he was placed on the game enforcement staff with headquarters at Medicine Hat.

Henry Bertelsen was born in Jutland, Denmark, on July 2, 1906. Among his early memories is the day in 1916 when German and English navies clashed at the Battle of Jutland. He came to Canada in 1926 and spent brief periods at Lloydminster and Provost working as a farm laborer and doing machine work. From there he went to Lac La Biche where he took up commercial fishing and trapping. In 1941 and 1942 he served in the Canadian army and was overseas with the 5th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment.

New Electronics Laboratory

The Norwegian Defense Research Establishment — FFI — located at Kjeller, recently invited civilian and military defense authorities to inspect its new Electronics Laboratory, which accommodates the departments of radar and telecommunication research. The new building, which has a net floor space of nearly 45,000 square feet, cost about Kr. 3.5 million, and about the same amount was spent on machinery and instruments.

Established in 1945, FFI is now one of the most important research institutes in Norway. Its present staff comprises about 350 senior scientists and research assistants. There are separate departments for explosives, physics, chemistry, toxicology, radar telecommunications and submarine warfare. The latter is located at Horten on the Oslofjord.

Patience is the art of solving problems by letting them alone.

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Flowers Favourite In Sweden

The Swedes send more flowers than any other people in Europe, and possibly more than any in the world, according to figures published by Interflora, the international florists' organization for sending flowers by telegram. Last year flowers were ordered by wire over 1,200,000 times, which was about 170 orders per 1,000 population.

The widespread love of flowers in Sweden is of course, due in part to the country's climate and northerly location, with relatively short summers and long, dark winters. Even the humblest cottage has its garden spot, and plants or fresh-cut flowers are found in practically every city apartment. School children learn the names of many flowers both in Swedish and in Latin, a tradition passed down from the time of Linnaeus, father of modern botany.

While for eight months the florists have no competition from private gardens, certain old Swedish customs also play into their hands. The first time you are invited to a home for dinner, it is obligatory to bring flowers—such as a couple of roses or carnations—for the hostess. On birthdays and other anniversaries the traditional gift is flowers, as it is at graduations and engagement parties. In the theatre, both actors and actresses can be expected to be showered with flowers at the end of at least any performance of special importance. When Birgit Nilsson sings at the Stockholm Opera, for instance, she sometimes has to hire two taxis for her flowers.

The biggest gardener in Sweden is, somewhat paradoxically, the national railroad system. All of the country's some four thousand railroad stations have gardens or small parks of their own. These schemes were begun exactly one hundreds years ago, in the early days of the State Railways. At first they were based on practical considerations, but gradually the railroad management realized that the lawns and trees had an aesthetic value as well, and the horticultural activities were extended. Today they comprise nearly 4,000 acres, and more than half a million flowers, as well as thousands of trees and bushes are planted each year.

BAN FAVORED BY NORWAY.

Norway was one of the 81 nations which this week, in a resolution adopted by the U.N. General Assembly's Political Committee, called on the nuclear powers to end all nuclear weapons testing. Norway also voted in favor of a United States-British resolution. Adopted 50 to 12, this urged conclusion of an all-inclusive test ban treaty under international control, and if this can not be achieved expeditiously, an interim treaty for uninspected cessation of nuclear tests in the atmosphere, the oceans and space.

Views of the Norwegian delegation to the General Assembly were earlier outlined by Konrad Nordahl, M.P. and president of the Norwegian Federation of Labor. In a statement to the Political Committee, delivered October 22, he declared: "The people and the government of Norway are against all tests with nuclear weapons." Recalling that parliament in the past year has twice passed resolutions branding nuclear tests as "a grave violation of international morality," the M.P. added: "In our opinion, no government has the moral right to poison the air we breathe and the food we eat."

Rep. Nordahl stressed, however, that if a comprehensive test ban agreement appeared unachievable, Norway would support an interim treaty excluding nuclear tests conducted underground.

Icelandic Social News

'Tis three weeks before Christmas,
And a bit early we think,
For greetings and such,
But the next time around
Will be far too late,
So we'll just wish you all
A Merry Christmas
On this early date.

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Mrs. Nelstead from Gimli, Man., was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Eaman, her brother-in-law and sister. Mrs. Nelstead was returning from a holiday at the coast.

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Mrs. George Drummond, the former Irene Henrickson, was widely entertained before her marriage on Nov. 9. Among her hostesses was Mrs. J. T. Johannson who entertained at a "cup and saucer" shower. Dr and Mrs. Drummond will live in Edmonton on their return from their honeymoon.

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Members of the Edmonton Icelandic Society were happy to participate in United Nations Week, celebrated in October. Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson, president of the society, and Mrs. Thorvaldson, attended the flag raising ceremony at the Civic Block and also the banquet at the Caravan Hotel. Members also attended the tea at the Hudson's Bay. A table of Icelandic articles was set up in th Alberta College Auditorium. In charge were Mrs. Don Cameron, Mrs. Don Shaw and Mrs. Rosa Bendiktson from Red Deer. We are indebted to Mrs. Bendiktson, as most of the items on display were collected by her on a trip to Iceland.

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"The Holiday Season is almost here and I would like to extend my warmest wish for a Very Merry Christmas, Good Health, Peace and Prosperity to you and yours in the coming year.

Signed Gunnar Thorvaldson, President of the Edmonton Icelandic Society.

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Birthday Greetings—

To Mrs. O. T. Johnson and all those celebrating birthdays in December . . .

"To wish you a Birthday
So full of good cheer
You won't even notice
You're adding a year."

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The Directors of the Icelandic Old Folks Home, Vancouver, have acknowledged with thanks the recent contribution of $50 from the Edmonton Icelandic Society.

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Among the new names added to the mailing list for the Scandinavian Centre News are S. Bodvarson and W. V. Stephanson both of Hay River, NWT. Possibly these names are familiar to some of our readers. The mention of Hay River brings to mind Mr. Barney Eyford, a long time member of the Edmonton Icelandic Society. So "Hello Barney, good health and greetings of the season to you" from all your friends in Edmonton.

UN Week Celebrated In Edmonton

As the United Nations matures the need for attention and support from every citizen grows with each passing birthday. To this end the 17th anniversary was celebrated in Edmonton with a broad program of activities planned to promote a ocmmunity-wide observance, Oct. 21-27.

The celebration of UN Week in Edmonton is the special province of the Edmonton Branch of the United Nations Association and the Citizen's Committee for the Celebration of United Nations Week. The UNA annually sponsors a coffee party on the opening day of the week. Displays representing the aims of the UN and its agencies are set up to encourage public understanding. The official birth-date of the UN, Oct. 24, is celebrated with the raising of the UN flag over City Hall and a banquet that evening.

Community-wide celebration of the week is relatively new to this city. In August, 1961, representatives of youth, church, ethnic, service and fraternal organizations met to discuss the possibility of focusing increased attention on United Nations work.

The opinion of the meeting was unanimous that Edmonton citizens should try to plan a celebration on this occasion to demonstrate their faith in the United Nations and to contribute to a better understanding of its aims, problems and accomplishments.

Following several planning meetings, the Citizen's Committee for the Celebration of UN Week was formed in co-operation with the Edmonton Branch of UN Association to make possible a UN Week program in which citizens of all backgrounds and interests could join.

In an effort to encourage increased understanding between peoples of many nations and of many races through exchange of cultural and social knowledge, the committee presented a United Nations Festival of Folk Dance and Music. The program was such an overwhelming success that the auditorium in which it was held literally overflowed.

The festival this year was staged in the Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium. Performers representing 13 of the ethnic communities, making their homes in Edmonton, participated in the show. Jack Unwin produced the program and Mr. Quincy Moffatt was master of ceremonies. The music was by the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve Band under the direction of Lieut. J. W. Achtymichuk.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Percy Page officially opened the show. Mr. J. King Gordon, visiting professor of International Relations at the University of Alberta, gave an address. Mrs. David Elston of the Citizen's Committee for UN Week, was general program chairman for the festival.

Edmonton's Citizenship Council played a major role in this city's observance of the 17th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The Council was host at a "Cafeteria Internationale" held at the close of UN week.

Mr. James Wilford, president of the Edmonton Council, was master of ceremonies for the program of folk dance and music which accompanied the Cafeteria. A gigantic birthday cake was served along with the national foods of 13 nations. At the invitation of the council, the Alberta College Auditorium, where the dinner was held, was decorated with many display booths representing community organizations, international citizenship and the UN agencies. Mrs. Irene Domecki, of the Polish Congress, convened the Cafeteria.

UN Week Activities in Edmonton also included a Children's Pageant presented by the IODE and a Children's Art Display sponsored by the Junior Red Cross.

As well as the educational and entertainment aspects of the week's program, an opportunity was provided for the citizens of Edmonton to contribute to the work of UNESCO and UNICEF.

Vasa Ladies Meet

The November Vasa Ladies Meeting was held in the Home of Mrs. G. Rydman. They wish everyone to start saving their Nabob Coffee Coupons once again to help the Scandinavian Centre purchase a Coffee Urn. Mrs. Harold Krag will look after the collection of these coupons. Her address is: 11508 - 124th Street. There will be no Vasa Ladies Meeting in December.

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Cuban Action Approved

Foreign Minister Halvard Lange's recent review of international affairs was the subject of a 1-day debate in Norwegian Parliament recently. Except for Finn Gustavsen, one of the two Representatives of the Socialist People's Party, Mr. Lange's evaluation of and views on world developments received general support from speakers of the major parties.

STATEMENT BY PREMIER

Prime Minister Einar Gerhardsen, at the end of his statement, offered this observation: "We all breathe easier after the ominous and tense days we went through at the height of the Cuban crisis. But we must be prepared for further unrest in the months immediately ahead. A more comprehensive relaxation of international tension is still far off. In this situation, the West must continue to stand together and be ready to show resolution with respect to vital security interests. We must also domonstrate that we are willing to negotiate and to join in making mutual concessions. If the opposite party could be made to realize that only on such a foundation can there be fruitful negotiations, much would be gained."

The Norwegian Premier lauded "the great statesmanship" shown by President Kennedy. Through a combination of firmness and moderation, the U.S. President clearly defined the limit that could not be transgressed without impunity. Soviet Premier Khrushchev, by accepting this limit and thus steering clear of the extreme risk, demonstrated his understanding of political realities.

Although the decisions that eased the crisis were made directly by USA and the Soviet Union, the premier observed that Acting UN Secretary General U Thant had made a very positive contribution by exercising his authority and judgment.

In reply to speakers from the Conservative and the Centrerite parties, who criticized that Norway again had voted in favor of admitting the Peoples Republic of China to the United Nations, the Premier said it was unrealistic to exclude a country from membership on moral grounds. He added: "Norway has all along been of the opinion that the UN should be developed into a world organization. We have voted for admission of countries- whose government we do not like at all, because we felt it was right in principle. There is responsibility attached to UN membership. For independent countries it should be just as much a duty as a right to belong to the United Nations."

VIEWS ON CRISIS AND EEC

Liberal Bent Roiseland, acting chairman of the Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee, said the Cuban crisis was clearly caused by the establishment of Soviet rocket bases which USA considered as a threat against itself and the free world. The firm action taken by USA showed there are limits to the hostile moves that the free world will tolerate. On the other hand, Rep. Roiseland warned against further moves which are not absolutely necessary. He expressed agreement with President Kennedy's view that Soviet willingness to negotiate was a constructive contribution to peace.

Solglyt Glimpses

Mrs. Mina McDonald represented the Norwegians at the "Cafeteria Internationale" which was held at the Alberta College on Sat., Oct. 27, during United Nations Week. Baking done by the Ladies' Auxiliary was sold.

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Members of Solglyt Lodge extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. John Berild and family in the recent passing of Mr. John Berild. He was 81 years of age and a faithful member of Sons of Norway for a number of years.

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Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen spent 10 days in October visiting friends in Vancouver, B.C.

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Betty and Kay McKevitt enjoyed a recent holiday in Vancouver.

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Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Johnson had their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson from Phippen, Sask., visiting with them recently.

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Mr. and Mrs. Knut Svidal are happy to announce the arrival of son Kaare, born Nov. 17, at the General Hospital. Baby Kaare has two brothers Curtis and Kevin.

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Mr. K. Amdam, president of Solglyt Lodge, has had to wear a special collar these past few weeks, as a result of a car accident which took place about two months ago, in which he received what is called a "whiplash".

Platter Party Announced

Sunray Junior Lodge held their November meeting on Wed. 14 with 19 members present. Three new members were initiated. Darwin Hill Delvin Hill, and Leah Taarnar. Arlene Amdam, social convener has announced a "Platter Party" will be held at the home of Mrs. C. Rikstad at 7112 - 79th Street, Friday, Dec. 14.

Ladies Meet

The November meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Sons of Norway was held at the home of Mrs. M. McInnis, with a good turn out of members. The ladies work towards raising funds for flowers and occasionally help out the Junior Lodge. The December meeting has been postponed due to the lodge meeting being on the same night Dec. 7.

Betty McKevitt High Scorer

Sons of Norway bowling is now well under way for the season. Ladies high single was taken by Betty McKevitt with a score of 325. Ladies' high triple also Betty McKevitt with 627. Men's high single Bernard Olafson 304. Men's high triple Bernard Olafson and Peter Hanson 707.

Bowl-Off Dec. 21

The bowling standings as of November 16th are as follows:

Top Team, Leonard Eliasson's "Smorgasbords"; Men's High Average, Gordon Pearson, 206; Ladies' High Average, Matilda Eliasson, 170.

A bowl off for cash prizes will be held on December 21st during regular play.

Buford Activities

Mrs. Avis Pearson entertained in her home recently in honor of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Helgremson, from Montana, who had been visiting in the district.

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A number of our district members motored to Bruce last weekend to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Benson. A wonderful time was had by all.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Algot Pearson on the recent passing of his brother, Arvid.

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Miss Verna Kvarnberg of Edmonton showed films of her recent trip to Sweden at Willow Creek community centre. This was most enjoyable, and brought back happy memories for many.

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Last Friday many friends and relatives gathered to honor L. Pearson at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Clair and Avis Pearson, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and to wish him "many happy returns of the day".

"Who will drive this car away for $50.00?" read a sign in a used car sales room.

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We can now inform you that the last days of gymnastic training this year will be December 17 and 19; after the New Year training will begin on January 7 and 9.

Fees for those who started before Christmas are $3.50 for children, $7.50 for adults, and $10 for a family. For those beginning after Christmas the fees are $2.50 for children, $5.00 for adults, and $7.50 for a family. The fees cover the periods September to spring and January to spring.

If you feel drowsy, tired, run down, and out of shape after Christmas, it could be the result of too much rich food between December 25 and January 2 and we would suggest that you do something about it. The most efficient thing to do is to get in shape by joining the gymnasts before Christmas, and getting right down to Oliver school (117 St. and 102 Ave.) on Jan. 7 (for girls) or Jan. 9 (for boys). See you there!

Merry Christmas and a fit New Year to you all.

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